

**IN THE CLAIMS**(as found in the appln. filed with the Demand):

1. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The multilayered Multilayered~~ steel armour consisting of ~~the a~~ front-face ballistic-resistant armour layer (1) and ~~the a~~ backing armour layer (2), which are fully metallurgically bonded by means of at least one joining metallic intermediate layer (3), for example, by casting, wide-area welding techniques, using technology of explosive cladding (high-velocity impact cladding), by roll welding or by a combination of the previous techniques, ~~characterized by the fact, that~~ wherein the joining metallic intermediate layer (3) between the front-face ballistic-resistant armour layer (1) and the backing armour layer (2) is made from ~~the~~ material featuring ~~the~~ face-centered cubic crystalline lattice (FCC lattice), in particular, from ~~the~~ nickel alloy containing maximally 98.0 wt% of nickel and/or from steel.

2. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The multilayered Multilayered~~ steel armour according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized by the fact, that~~ the material of the joining metallic intermediate layer (3) contains between 50.0 wt% and 98.0 wt% of nickel, between 0.1 wt% and 45.0 wt% of at least one of the alloying elements such as chromium, molybdenum, manganese, niobium, titanium, iron and the rest making some other accompanying elements and usual impurities.

3. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The multilayered Multilayered~~ steel armour according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized by the fact, that~~ the material of the joining metallic intermediate layer (3) contains between

5.0 wt% and 50.0 wt% of nickel, in total between 0.1 wt% and 40.0 wt% of chromium, manganese, molybdenum, niobium and titanium ~~in the role of as~~ alloying elements, while the rest of the content is iron and other accompanying elements and usual impurities.

4. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The multilayered Multilayered~~ steel armour according to claim 1, ~~wherein characterized by the fact, that the material of the joining metallic intermediate layer (3) contains from 8.0 wt% to 30.0 wt% of manganese, in total from 0.1 wt% to 30.0 wt% of chromium, nickel, vanadium, silicone and carbon in the role of as~~ alloying elements while the rest is represented by iron and other accompanying elements and usual impurities.

5. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The multilayered Multilayered~~ steel armour according to at least one of the previous claims, ~~characterized by the fact, that there is claim 1, including~~ at least one additional internal armour layer (4,5) placed between the front-face ballistic-resistant layer (1) and the backing armour layer (2) while the joining metallic intermediate layers (3) are arranged accordingly between all the armour layers (1, 2, 4, 5) present in the-an armour sandwich.

6. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The multilayered Multilayered~~ steel armour according to claim 5, ~~wherein characterized by the fact, that the inserted internal armour layers (4,5) is formed from steel containing from 0.2 wt% to 0.9 wt% of carbon, from 0.1 wt% and 2.0 wt% of manganese, from 0.2 wt% to 2.0 wt% of chromium, from 0.3 to 4.5 wt%~~

of nickel, from 0.1 wt% to 1.0 wt% of molybdenum, from 01. wt% to 2.0 wt% of silicone and no more than about 0.01 wt% of boron while the rest is formed by iron and other accompanying elements and usual impurities.